The Side of a Hill

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On the side of a hill in a land called 'Somewhere' A little boy lies asleep in the earth While down in the valley a cruel war rages And people forget what a child's life is worth

On the side of a hill, a little cloud weeps And waters the grave with its silent tears While a soldier cleans and polishes a gun That ended a life at the age of seven years

And the war rages on in the land called 'Somewhere' And generals order their men to kill And to fight for a cause they've long ago forgotten While the little cloud weeps on the side of a hill